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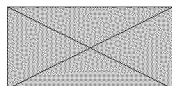
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### Summary

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#### **1. Veteran's claim denied again by VA ATSDR Named**

WKMG News -- 8/7/2015 Orlando, FL

Veteran still denied after death, despite presumptive service connection announcement ...The VA said it was meeting on August 19th to discuss the presumptive service connection with the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry, so it is not yet a done deal.

#### **2. Environmental Toxins and Your Brain OpEd ATSDR CDC Reference**

Great Falls Tribune -- 8/6/2015 Montana

We are all exposed to toxins everyday, some of us more than others. In the Center for Disease Control's Fourth National Report on Human Exposure to Environmental Chemicals many of these toxins were found in the majority of individuals tested.

#### **3. Why Was The Environmental Protection Agency Messing With A Mine Above Silverton?**

KUNC News -- 8/7/2015 Greeley, CO

"I think that they were doing a reasonable job, maybe there were some other steps that could have been taken, that could have prevented it. But I think it was a big surprise for almost everybody," ... "I think it highlights the issues of water quality related to mines. And that getting a lot more publicity, a lot more people are going to be interested in doing stuff about mines."

**4. How marijuana is making California drought worse**

Christian Science Monitor -- 8/6/2015 Boston MA

Environmental studies find that marijuana, now the top cash crop in California, is taking a heavy toll on some of the state's most sensitive ecosystems, especially in a drought.

**5. Health survey underway at Guantánamo's Camp Justice**

Miami Herald, The -- 8/6/2015 Miami, FL

...health investigation after a Naval Reserves officer filed a complaint July 14 citing seven instances of civilians and service members who contracted a variety of cancers and had spent time at Camp Justice. One of the seven, Lt. Cmdr. William Kuebler, had suffered cancer of the appendix and died days after the officer filed the complaint.

**6. Report: cause for 'alarm' on possible work-related causes of breast cancer**

Center For Public Integrity -- 8/6/2015 Washington DC

A new review of the science concludes workers exposed to solvents and other toxic substances may be at increased risk of the disease

**7. Thirteen years and counting: anatomy of an EPA civil rights investigation**

Center For Public Integrity -- 8/7/2015 Washington DC

A complaint filed against the New Mexico Environment Department in 2002 remains open, to the exasperation of the complainant

**8. Byproduct of fracking spilled in North Dakota**

UPI.com -- 8/7/2015 Washington, DC

The North Dakota Department of Health reported more than 4,000 barrels of a product associated with hydraulic fracturing spilled near the Canadian border.

**9. SC Supreme Court clears way for residents' lawsuit against AVX**

Sun News, The -- 8/5/2015 Myrtle Beach, SC

...overturns lower court's dismissal of Myrtle Beach property owners' lawsuit  
...Landowners contend pollution from plant hurt nearby property values  
...Justices said case raises questions about "stigma damages"

**10. People are developing dementia earlier and dying of it more, a study shows**

Washington Post -- 8/6/2015 Washington, DC

People are developing dementia a decade before they were 20 years ago, perhaps because of environmental factors such as pollution and the stepped-up use of insecticides, a wide-ranging international study has found.

**11. EPA Dumps One Million Gallons of Wastewater Into Colorado River**

Associated Press (AP) -- 8/7/2015 New York, NY

EPA bureaucrats were using heavy machinery to nose around the Gold King Mine near Durango, Colorado, when they triggered the release of wastewater containing heavy metals like zinc, iron, and copper.

**12. Emotional Support Animals 'Growing Problem' on U.S. Flights**

WMAQ News -- 7/27/2015 Chicago, IL

There's an increasing likelihood that your next seatmate could be a dog -- or a cat -- or a turtle -- or a chicken or a pig or even a kangaroo -- and there's really not much you can do about it.

**13. Thousands of Ebola survivors face severe pain, possible blindness**

Reuters -- 8/7/2015 New York, NY

Ebola survivors who fought off the most severe bouts of infection are the most likely to suffer ongoing medical problems, ... and their health is becoming "an emergency within an emergency".

**14. It's almost impossible to stop Google and Facebook from knowing about your health-related searches**

Yahoo! News -- 8/3/2015 Sunnyvale, CA

a new study conducted by Tim Libert at the Annenberg School for Communication that found "91% of health-related pages relay the URL to third parties, often unbeknownst to the user, and in 70% of the cases, the URL contains sensitive information such as 'HIV' or 'cancer' which is sufficient to tip off these third parties that you have been searching for information related to a specific disease."

**15. Nanoparticles used to breach mucus barrier in lungs**

ScienceDaily -- 8/3/2015 Rockville, MD

Proof-of-concept study conducted in mice a key step toward better treatments for lung diseases

**16. Some radiation okay for expectant mother and fetus, study suggests**

ScienceDaily -- 8/6/2015 Rockville, MD

Study finds doses are well below thresholds considered risky ...imaging studies necessary to diagnose traumatic injuries sustained by pregnant women are safe when used properly.

**17. Single dose Ebola vaccine is safe, effective in monkeys against outbreak strain**

ScienceDaily -- 8/6/2015 Rockville, MD

VSV-EBOV appears to trigger innate, adaptive immunity

**18. Researchers discover how the immune system can create cancerous DNA mutations when fighting off infection**

Medical Xpress -- 8/7/2015 PhysOrg.com

Chronic inflammation caused by disease or exposure to dangerous chemicals has long been linked to cancer, but exactly how this process takes place has remained unclear. ...a precise mechanism by which chronic inflammation can lead to cancer has been uncovered...

**19. Ancient mammoth remains found in Switzerland**

PhysOrg.com -- 8/7/2015 Internet

"It's a very exciting discovery, because the last mammoth find (in the

canton of Zug) was 50 years ago," said Renata Huber of the canton's heritage and archaeological department.

#### **20. Japan Heads for Nuclear Unknown With Reactor Restart**

Bloomberg -- 8/6/2015 New York City, NY

Japan is about to do something that's never been done before: Restart a fleet of mothballed nuclear reactors. ...One lesson learned elsewhere is that the process rarely goes smoothly. Of 14 reactors that resumed operations after being offline for at least four years, all had emergency shutdowns and technical failures,...

#### **21. Fukushima Baby Milk Formula Declared Unfit by China**

HuntingtonNews.net -- 8/5/2015 Huntington WV

Chinese authorities seized more than 881 pounds of baby milk formula that had been imported from Japan because it had been produced in areas known to be heavily contaminated with radioactive material...

#### **22. Plan to contact isolated tribe in Peru stokes controversy**

ScienceInsider -- 8/7/2015 AAAS, Washington, DC

In the wake of increasingly frequent sightings and two fatalities, the Peruvian government announced last month that it would attempt to help and potentially contact an isolated indigenous tribe that lives deep in the Amazon. But some fear the plan could further jeopardize the group, and on 3 August, the government backtracked on the implications of its announcement, insisting that it would not make the first move toward contact, though it will respond to communication initiated by the tribe.

#### **23. EPA foes turned asthma study into , August 6, 2015**

E&E Publishing, LLC -- 8/6/2015 Washington, D.C.

When a Johns Hopkins University researcher published a study showing race and income as risk factors for asthma, she started getting phone calls from industry groups opposing U.S. EPA's bid to tighten the national ozone standard. ...her newfound fans wanted to use her work to show EPA's ozone proposal wouldn't yield public health benefits.

#### **24. Ailing Vets Sue, Say Toxic Burn Pits Cost Them Their Health**

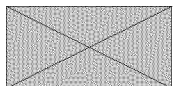
Santa Fe New Mexican, The -- 7/27/2015 NM


"They saw me go from being such a big, strong soldier to just a crumpled down man dying of cancer." ...Tijerina, 61, of Santa Fe, says he feels "kind of let down because the military and the VA really haven't been there to acknowledge that this has happened to thousands of troops."

#### **25. Halliburton subsidiary KBR suing veterans for legal bills of case KBR lost**

Daily Kos -- 7/27/2015 Internet

After developing health problems consistent with hexavalent chromium exposure, the veterans sued KBR for negligence in Federal Court in Portland. After a month long trial, the jury awarded the veterans \$85 Million in 2012. KBR appealed, and sought \$30 Million in legal fees and damages from the veterans for initiating the lawsuit.



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